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	:	Group Art Unit: 2838
Application No.: 10/682,454	)	
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Filed: October 10, 2003	)	
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For: DETECTING METHOD AND DETECTING APPARATUS FOR DETECTING INTERNAL OF RECHARGEABLE BATTERY, RECHARGEABLE BATTERY PACK HAVING SAID DETECTING APPARATUS THEREIN, APPARATUS HAVING SAID DETECTING APPARATUS THEREIN, PROGRAM IN WHICH SAID DETECTING METHOD IS INCORPORATED, AND MEDIUM IN WHICH SAID PROGRAM IS STORED	)	October 13, 2005

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The listed documents were cited in an Office Action issued in a counterpart Chinese patent application. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, which is dated August 26, 2005, together with an English-language translation of the Office Action, is enclosed.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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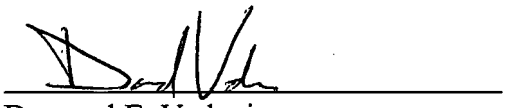
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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